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CANNING JAR STRAINER

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**Claim 1**

A canning jar strainer comprising a planar disk-shaped sheet material having:

- i. a plurality of incisions located circumferentially around the disk,
- ii. one or more crescent cutouts,
- iii. integral interlocking pull tabs,

**Claim 2**

The canning jar strainer of claim 1 wherein the material is semi-resilient.

**Claim 3**

The canning jar strainer of either claim 1 or 2 wherein the crescent cutouts are shaped to generally fit the profile of a conventional utensil spoon.

**Claim 4**

The canning jar strainer of claim 3 wherein said crescent cutouts serve both for straining and for lifting said disk out from a canning jar.

#### **Claim 5**

The canning jar strainer of claim 1 wherein the pull tabs are partially cut out of the canning jar strainer with the exception of a narrow edge forming a hinge at which the pull tabs pivotally and integrally engage to the disk, and wherein the two tabs are formed to include a slot at the intersection of the central and outer portions thereof allowing said tabs to be interlocked to form an X arrangement.

#### **Claim 6**

The canning jar strainer of either claim 1 or 4 wherein the utility thereof is to prevent buoyant foods from exposure to trapped air within a canning jar.